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Community Calendar

Veterans' Monument meeting is scheduled in Romulus

Community meetings regarding the Veterans' Monument in Romulus have been planned for 5 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the Romulus VFW post 78. The post is located at 39270 West Huron River Dr. in Romulus.

The meeting is for family, friends, veterans or others who have a brick located at the Romulus Veteran's Monument on Wayne Road in the Municipal Complex. Contact the City of Romulus Treasurer's Office as soon as possible at (734) 942-7580.

Romulus tree lighting tonight

The official city Christmas Tree Lighting celebration is set to begin at 5 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 29, at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. The tree lighting will take place at 6 p.m. There will be photos with Santa, hayrides, vendors, activities, and entertainment for the whole family. For more information, call Romulus Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

Stuff a Squad Car to aid Westland Goodfellows

The Westland Police Department will again host the Stuff a Squad Car event from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 29, at the Westland Meijer store.

Donors are asked to bring an unwrapped children's toy to be distributed to those less fortunate by the Westland Goodfellows during the holiday season. There will be free photos with Santa available for those who donate to the No Child Without a Christmas organization.

This is the 8th year for the police event to benefit the Goodfellows organization in the community.

Santa visits Maybury Farm

The popular photos with Santa at Maybury Farm in Northville is planned for 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Dec. 7 and 8 and again Dec. 14 and 15.

Reservations are required. The visit includes holiday music, crafts, visits with farm animals and shopping in the General Store. Children can visit with Santa in his antique sleigh where friendly elves will take family photos. Letters to Santa can also be dropped into the North Pole mailbox.

The cost is \$10 per person. To reserve a spot, visit mayburyfarm.org/events. The event takes place rain or shine and visitors are urged to dress warmly as the barn is not heated. Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville.

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HAPPY Thanksgiving FROM ALL OF US AT THE EAGLE!

Guilty plea entered in threats against Muslim group

A Florida man is facing five years in prison or a \$250,000 fine after pleading guilty to making threatening calls to a Muslim organization in Canton Township.

Michael Shapiro, 72, of West Palm Beach, entered the guilty plea last week to charges of transmitting threats in interstate commerce after calling the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Michigan office during which he made explicit threats of violence. According to a prepared release from federal prosecutors, Shapiro was motivated by the actual and perceived religion and national origin of individuals who work at or are assisted by the organization.

"No one should be able to

threaten violence and instill fear on an entire community," U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison said in a statement. "Today's conviction should send a strong message that those who do so will be investigated, identified, and aggressively prosecuted."

According to the statement, Shapiro first called the Canton office at 6:43 p.m. Dec. 8 and left a voicemail saying, "I'm going to kill you bastards," while

laughing "manically" according to the plea agreement. He admitted calling the office again six days later with more explicit threats including foul language and death threats. He reportedly called again at 6:24 p.m. Dec. 15 referring to Muslims as "violent people" and calling all Muslims killers and rapists. He again made death threats, according to the plea agreement.

Shapiro has been charged

three times in the past five years with federal crimes and has been accused of threatening U.S. Capitol Police officers, a member of Congress and their child, according to federal court records.

Amy Doukoure, a staff attorney with CAIR-MI, said the incidents were disruptive and threatening.

"What he's doing is very serious," Doukoure told a major news organization. "We had to close our business for several days. He was calling every day — we didn't know where he was, whether he was serious. It was a very scary and serious incident, and we're happy that it's over and he has pled guilty and will be sentenced to jail time."

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Check this out

Canton Public Library honored by Michigan Top Workplaces 2024

The Canton Public Library has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2024 honor by The Michigan Top Workplaces.

This list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by Energage LLC. The confidential survey uniquely measures the employee experience and component themes, a spokesman from the facility explained.

"Every day, I am surrounded by fun, knowledgeable coworkers, and I get to help all

kinds of interesting patrons find their way to what they need," said Librarian Erin Strand, who has worked at the library in several roles during her nearly 20 years of employment. "It's a fantastic library community, and I'm so glad I'm a part of it."

"Given how passionate our staff is about serving our community, it's no surprise that they find the library a great place to work," said Library Director Eva Davis. "When your personal values align with

your workplace's mission, it makes for a satisfying and rewarding career."

The community appreciates the staff's efforts, according to Pam Letts, a 26-year Canton Public Library employee. "I have always liked that both the people I work with and those who come to the library are cheerful and grateful for our work," Letts said.

"Earning a Top Workplaces award is a badge of honor for companies, especially because it comes authentically from

their employees," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "That's something to be proud of."

"In today's market, leaders must ensure they're allowing employees to have a voice and be heard. Top Workplaces do this, and it pays dividends," she added.

The Canton Public Library serves the 98,000 residents of Canton with a 52,000 square foot facility. It is the busiest single-branch library in Michigan and circulates more than 1 million items annually.

State to pay \$9 million for active shooter drill at Hawthorne

An active shooter drill at Hawthorn Center in Northville Township will cost the State of Michigan \$13 million. The financial settlement is the result of a lawsuit filed regarding the unannounced drill at the psychiatric treatment facility on Haggerty Road. Local police were not informed about the drill, which "terrified" both patients and staff members, according to court filings.

Staff members and families of patients at the hospital claimed that the announcement heard throughout the facility that two armed men had invaded the building caused patients and staff to scramble for cover, hide under desks, text their families and repeatedly call 911 for help.

"It was an overwhelming and frightening long-term impact kind of event on the people," said Robin Wager, an

attorney for the plaintiffs during a recent radio news interview.

The settlement documents stipulate that each of 50 children at the hospital will each received about \$60,000 while 24 staff members will received about \$6,000. According to the settlement filed in the Michigan Court of Claims, 90 people will receive an average of more than \$50,000, depending on the level of trauma experienced during

the incident.

"The settlement does not have the state admitting any liability," Wagner said. "But we credit the state with realizing early on that this was an incident that did cause a lot of injury to a lot of their staff and patients, so they came to the table quickly."

The drill was reportedly the idea of and implemented by the safety director at the hospital, according to news reports.

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies to publish the Official Newspaper for calendar years 2025 & 2026.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MTIN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (<http://www.mtin.info/>). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
- (2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MTIN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MTIN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum with the bid. The City reserves the right to request documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form" supplied in the bid documents.
- (3) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 P.M., **Tuesday, December 3, 2024**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MTIN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
- (4) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time 12/03/2024, all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.
- (5) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor irregularities in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed best to be in its own best interest.
- (6) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
- (7) For additional information contact Christina Parker, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing ChristinaP@romulusgov.com.
- (8) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.